Proposed Substitute Bill No. 6570

January Session, 2021

LCO No. 5765

AN ACT CONCERNING TRANSIT-ORIENTED DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (Effective from passage) (a) On or before October 1, 2021, the 2 of Transportation, in consultation 3 Commissioner of Housing, shall (1) (A) identify five passenger railroad 4 stations or bus rapid transit stations where the associated parking lot is 5 owned by the state, and (B) issue a request for information for the construction of transit-oriented development on such parking lots, 7 provided the same number of parking spaces will be maintained and at 8 least twenty per cent of the development will be affordable housing, as 9 defined in section 8-39a of the general statutes; and (2) (A) identify five 10 parcels owned by the state and located within a one-half mile radius of 11 a passenger railroad station or bus rapid transit station, and (B) issue a 12 request for information for the construction of transit-oriented 13 development on such parcels, provided at least twenty per cent of the 14 development will be affordable housing.

(b) On or before February 1, 2022, the Commissioner of Transportation shall submit, in accordance with section 11-4a of the general statutes, a summary of the responses to the requests for information, along with any recommendations, to the joint standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of matters

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20 relating to transportation.

- Sec. 2. Section 8-30j of the general statutes is repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective July 1, 2021*):
 - (a) [At] Not later than July 1, 2022, and at least once every five years thereafter, each municipality shall prepare or amend and adopt an affordable housing plan for the municipality. Such plan shall (1) specify how the municipality intends to increase the number of affordable housing developments in the municipality, and (2) identify all parcels in the municipality that are owned by either the municipality or the state and located within a one-half mile radius of a passenger railroad station or bus rapid transit station, the size of any such parcel and any known environmental issues regarding any such parcel.
 - (b) The municipality may hold public informational meetings or organize other activities to inform residents about the process of preparing the plan. If the municipality holds a public hearing, at least thirty-five days prior to the public hearing on the adoption, the municipality shall file in the office of the town clerk of such municipality a copy of such draft plan or any amendments to the plan, and if applicable, post such draft plan on the Internet web site of the municipality. After adoption of the plan, the municipality shall file the final plan in the office of the town clerk of such municipality and, if applicable, post the plan on the Internet web site of the municipality.
 - (c) Following adoption, the municipality shall regularly review and maintain such plan. The municipality may adopt such geographical, functional or other amendments to the plan or parts of the plan, in accordance with the provisions of this section, as it deems necessary. If the municipality fails to amend such plan every five years, the chief elected official of the municipality shall submit a letter to the Commissioner of Housing that explains why such plan was not amended.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

| Section 1 | from passage | New section |
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| Sec. 2 | July 1, 2021 | 8-30j |